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Mr & Mrs V.C. Holmes
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Somewhere in Belgium
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UNITED STATES ARMY

Dear Mother & Folks

Hope everyone is O.K back home. Am feeling great. The weather was swell today, played ball this afternoon for about 2 hours. Yesterday I met two boys from my old Company & they are in the 9th Air Corps & in the same Company. They were hit back in September & have been in the hospital for over three months. Was very happy to run into them.

Most all the packages you have sent arrive in good condition. They come in about 6 or 7 weeks which isn't too bad. Glad that you have sent Fran a package am sure he can use it. As you know he is back with the Company, few of the old gang are left

Sorry F.H.S. did not get invited to the Fest Tournament. They must of had a great club & am sure they could of given a good account of themselfs Henry Reane must of been disappointed.

For My last misfortune that I had, I did not receive a cluster for I was not hit,

was knocked out from the explosion but was not really hit by the shell. One thing I don't do is wear my ribbons or clusters around. I haven't even got my P.F.C. stripe on. Those metal ones aren't worth a thing & after the War you could probably buy them all for a dime a dozen.

Once in Ireland we ran a problem for Gen Patton at had a talk from him later on. Was in the front row & he banned a nibble from a boy in my squad that day to show us something & boy that bit sure was found. We were also inspected by Gen de while in Ireland.

Please send some Air Mail Stamps. Thanks very much. Must hit the sack.

Love to All

"Dick"